

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated October 28, 2008, the Examiner rejected claim 1. Applicants are amending claim 1 for clarity and adding new claims 2 – 4. No new matter is being added.

I. Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,118,498 to Reitmeier. Applicants traverse. Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Reitmeier by at least reciting:

Electronic device integrated into a reception system for digital television networks, comprising:
common interface modules that may act as filters, transformers or regenerators of data; and
a central processor and a common interface controller for managing MPEG (Motion Picture Expert Group) data flows so that the data from various sources are routed to two or more reception devices, with said data flow being redirected through the common interface modules.

In contrast, Reitmeier does not teach a central processor for managing MPEG data flows. Instead, Reitmeier teaches using a CPU for handling user input, e.g., changing volume not managing MPEG data flows. See Reitmeier at column 2, line 65 to column 3 line 3. Further, Reitmeier only discloses a single reception device – the video decoder 45 for decoding video. The claimed invention routes the data flows to various devices (for example, Removeable Devices A and B shown in FIG. 1 of the instant application). Accordingly, the Reitmeier CPU cannot route MPEG data flows to multiple devices because there are no multiple devices to route to.

Therefore Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Reitmeier and request withdrawal of the rejection. Further, dependent claims 2 – 4 are patentable for reciting additional limitations as well as by virtue of their dependency.

2. New Claims

Applicants are adding new claims 2 – 4. The limitations were removed from claim 1 and introduced as new claims for clarity. No new matter is being added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and *bona fide* effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims is believed to be in order, and a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees from Deposit Account No. 503557, Deposit Account Name NIXON PEABODY LLP.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 320 7754.

Respectfully submitted,

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